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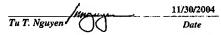
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In the Office Action mailed November 1, 2004, the Examiner contends that Applicant claims three distinct inventions; namely, Group I (claims 1-20), drawn to a method, classified in class 438, subclass 1+, and Group II (claims 21-30) drawn to a die assembly, classified in class 257, subclass 723. Thus, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 121, the Examiner requires Applicants to restrict the application to one of the alleged three inventions.

In compliance with 35 U.S.C. §121, Applicants elect Group I (claims 1-20).

The Examiner further contends that the application contains the following patentably distinct species:

- i) Species I depicted in Fig. 1A.
- ii) Species II depicted in Fig. 1B.
- Species III depicted in Fig. 2A (claims 1, 2 and 6-10). iii)
- iv) Species IV depicted in Fig. 2B (claims 13 and 23).
- v) Species V depicted in Fig. 3 (claims 3-5, 14, 17, 18, 24, 27, 28).
- vi) Species VI depicted in Fig. 4A (claims 11, 12, 15, 19-22, 25, 29, and 30).
- Species VII depicted in Fig. 5 (claims 16 and 26). vii)

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Applicants respectfully traverse the species restriction. All figures belong to the same generic species.

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Figure 1A shows a package assembly including the die 120. Figure 1B shows the dies 120. The dies may be stacked in a start-case or an alternate staggering configuration. Figures 2A and 2B shown the cross-sectional and top vies of stair-case configuration. Figure 3 shows top view of alternate staggering configuration. Figure 5 shows the top view of the alternate staggering configuration. Figure 6 shows a flowchart to illustrate the process of stacking the dies. Therefore, these figures are illustrations of various embodiments of the same species.

However, in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 121, Applicants elect species III depicted in Figure 2A. Applicants submit that claims 1-10 are readable on the elected species.

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Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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